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Meetings are held at the Tasmanian Environment Centre, corner of Bathurst and Criterion Streets, at 7.45p.m.

President: Mr. G. Van Munster, Hon. Sec. Mr. J. Berry.

Club's address: G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, 7001.

AGENDA

FEB. 16th (Thursday). Meeting: Mr. Nic Gellie, of the Forestry Commission, will give a talk on the effects of fire on buttongrass sedgelands, more commonly known as buttongrass plains.

FEB. 18th (Sunday). Outing: Mr. Gilbert Van Munster will lead an outing to Andersons Road, Longley. This will involve a walk through bushland towards Cathedral Rocks and should appeal to those of us who have a general interest in natural history as well as those who have a specialised interest such as botany or ornithology.

MARCH 16th (Thursday). Annual General Meeting.
Election of nominated candidates.
Presidential address: Mr. G. Van Munster will talk about Nature's landscape and its importance to man.Mr. Van Munster will illustrate his talk with slides taken in many different countries.

MARCH 19th (Sunday). Half day outing, depart 9.00a.m., return 1.00p.m. Mr. John Berry will lead an outing to Stringy Bark Gully, east of Flagstaff Hill, as an introduction to a long term study of the Crown Land in this area. It is hoped that interested persons will return to the area at regular intervals during the year to make an in depth study of any particular aspects of natural history they are interested in.

MARCH 24th-28th (Friday-Tuesday).Easter Campout.
This year Mr. John Berry will lead an Easter

MARCH 24th-28th (cont.)
Campout.to Liena (c. 30 miles west of Deloraine). ACCOMMODATION: the Liena Shack(one of Burnie Field Naturalists' Club's shacks), has 2 single beds, 2 double beds and plenty of room for lilos etc., as well as a patch of grass suitable for tents. Cost: 60 cents per person per night.
ATTRACTIONS: within easy driving distance of Cradle Valley, Lake Rowallan, Lake MacKenzie and the Walls of Jerusalem. The area is very interesting geologically, with numerous sink holes and caves in the area.Rocks in the area include Jurassic dolerite, Precambrian rocks, Devonian granite, Ordovician limestone and Tertiary basalt. The birds and botany of the area haven't been studied very much, atleast not by our Club members, but will probably prove to be very interesting.If you intend going on this trip please contact Mr. John Berry as soon as possible so that details and transport can be arranged.

APRIL 20th (Thursday). Speaker: Dr. Mike Newman will talk about cormorants. His talk will include information gained from his 18 month study of comorants, especially those breeding in the Derwent Estuary.

APRIL 23rd (Sunday). Outing: depart 9.00a.m.
Mr. Ken Harris will lead an outing to Brown Mountain (near Richmond). This should be a good trip for anyone interested in either botany or birds.

MAY 18th (Thursday). Speaker: Mr. A. Hewer, an authority on Tasmania's reptiles and amphibians, will talk about Tasmania's frogs and lizards. Mr. Hewer will play recordings of our local frogs' calls while illustrating the musicians with his colour slides.

MAY 21st (Sunday). Outing: depart 9.00a.m.
This outing will be to Cinningham (near Snug) to visit a block of Crown Land to start a survey of its fauna and flora. Interested Club members will be encouraged to return to this block at regular intervals over the next year so that a reasonably comprehensive list of fauna and flora can be produced.

JUNE 15th (Thursday). Speaker: Mr. k. Aves will give us a talk on the general natural history of the Carlton area.

AUGUST 17th (Thursday). Members' night—what can you talk about ? This is your chance to give a five or ten minute talk, so start thinking about it now.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTINGS, PROJECTS AND CAMPS.

To save postage for circulars and improve communicatio

IMPORTANT

If you would like to attend outings or camps, or help with projects, and the New letter does not give specific details, please ring the Secretary on 303255, 9.00-5.00, or the President, 296602, for final details.

Do not rely on members to tell you what is going to happen. They might have missed a meeting - or it might slip their memory to let you know.

Attendance at outings and camps, and help with projects is important and enjoyable and helps to make the Club into a group of likeminded friends. We rely on individual members to keep in touch— especially if they can not attend meetings.

HELP YOURSELF —— and HELP THE CLUB

Miss M.L. Westbrook.

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club:
Miss Roberta Barnett, 5 McTavish Ave., North Hobart;
Miss Gaylene Marriott, P.O.Box 177, New Norfolk;
Mr. Norman Poynter, 15 Knocklofty Tce., West Hobart;
Mr. & Mrs. John & maria Grist, 11 Canning Court, Mt. Stuart;
and, Dr. D. A. & Mrs. A. V. Ratkowsky, c/- C.S.I.R.O., Battery Point.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day, June 5th, 1978 — could one of our members suggest a suitable way of participating in World Environment Day activities to show that the T.F.N.C. is concerned about the environment. If you have any ideas please contact the Secretary.

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Entries for Naturama will not be accepted after the 15th June — could you please let the Secretary know if you have or intend having slides entered in Naturama. If you require more information please contact the Secretary.

CLUB ELECTIONS

It is time once again to nominate and vote for a new Club committee. Please attend the March meeting so that you can vote for a new President,

Two Vice Presidents.
Honorary Secretary,
Assistant Honorary Secretary,
Honorary Treasurer, and
Six Committee members.

These twelve committee members will have the task of organising and running the Club for the next twelve months. Who would be best for these positions? Now is your chance to help to elect the right candidates.

We nominate .... who is willing to be a candidate for the position of .....

Signed----Proposer:

Seconder :

Nominations must be in writing but may be on any piece of paper.

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